













Office of Public Instruction

Information Technology Division

The OPI Information Technology Division designs and operates the different electronic systems used by OPI to conduct daily operations, communications, and the collection and reporting of school district information. E-mail is the main form of all written communication between OPI and local school districts. The division's functions include:

-  Operates the OPI website which receives more than 2 million visits each year
-  Maintains electronic communication among the OPI, Montana's school districts, County Superintendents, Tribal Educators and the Board of Public Education
-  Installs, secures, and operates the OPI's network
-  Creates and supports software systems that OPI uses to administer programs, saving taxpayers millions of dollars
-  Runs the OPI "No Computer Left Behind" program which has distributed more than 22,000 surplus state government computers to 400 school districts
-  Operates the "Jobs for Teachers" website which notifies teachers and school administrators of job openings and provides for online teacher applications
-  Operates a knowledge database for educators and the public to "Get Answers" to their questions concerning the OPI or K-12 educational issues
-  Runs the Governor's "Montana NewsLink" site, used by all state agencies to post press releases for distribution to the news media
-  Delivers video-on-demand services to K-12 education and the public
-  Hosts the Legislature's website providing up-to-date information, tracking of legislative bills and public hearing information as well as providing video streaming of the House and Senate Chambers and committee hearings
-  Hosts the Board of Public Education's web site
-  Provides desktop services for the production of all OPI publications
-  Operates the OPI Resource Center providing research, answering reference and resource questions, and maintaining the OPI research library



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